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1 TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
5 THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
8 represent and petition as follows:

9 WHEREAS, In 1997 and 1998, the legislative and executive branches
10 of the State of Washington examined on behalf of Washington citizens
11 issues regarding the micro and nonnutrient content of commercial
12 fertilizers, including heavy metals; and

13 WHEREAS, Following this examination, the Legislature led the nation
14 in addressing these issues by enacting legislation that strengthened
15 the state's fertilizer laws and protected human health, the
16 environment, and agricultural production by establishing standards for
17 the micro and nonnutrient content of commercial fertilizers and
18 authorizing additional standards; by regulating the use of waste
19 materials in the production of commercial fertilizers; by providing
20 information to those who use commercial fertilizers regarding the micro
21 and nonnutrient content of commercial fertilizers; and by directing

1 that additional technical studies be conducted regarding such
2 materials; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1999, the Legislature again addressed these issues by
4 ensuring that the standards, information, and protections afforded by
5 its earlier legislation were safeguarded while facilitating the
6 intrastate, interstate, and international movement of commercial
7 fertilizers that satisfy this state's requirements;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
9 further the objectives sought by the Legislature of the State of
10 Washington and apply the benefits of those objectives nation-wide by
11 enacting legislation that: Requires packaged commercial fertilizer to
12 be labeled to display the nutritive, micro-nutritive, and nonnutritive
13 content of the fertilizer, including any heavy metals; requires such
14 information regarding the content of the fertilizer to be available to
15 purchasers of bulk fertilizer; and expressly authorizes each state to
16 establish standards for such contents in the commercial fertilizers
17 sold within its boundaries.

18 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
19 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the
20 United States, the Administrator of the United States Environmental
21 Protection Agency, the President of the United States Senate, the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress
23 from the State of Washington.

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